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REF: A. NEW DELHI 5840, B. STATE 96431

1. GOI BEGOTIATING TEAM HAS AGREED TO USG PROPOSED
LANGUAGE FOR ALL PARTS OF TITLE I AGREEMENT EXCEPT AS
FOLLOWS:

--PREAMBLE - UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR.

--PART I - UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR.

--PART II - AMOUNT AND DOLLAR VALUE ARE CHANGED AS
SPECIFIED IN STATE 96431.

--UMR AND EXPORT LIMITATIONS AS COVERED IN
DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (SEE BELOW).

--SELF HELP MEASURES - AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"A. IN IMPLEMENTING THESE SELF-HELP MEASURES, SPECIFIC
EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO
DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS IN POOR RURAL AREAS AND ON
ENABLING THE POOR TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN INCREASING

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION THROUGH SMALL FARM AGRICULTURE.

B. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGREES TO:

1. INCREASE THE OUTPUT AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS (FERTILIZER, SEEDS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT) IN ORDER TO EXPAND PRODUCTION AND INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF LAND UTILIZATION.

2. EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE STORAGE OF GRAINS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES THROUGH SILOS, WAREHOUSES AND COLD-STORAGE FACILITIES.

3. CONTINUE TO DEVELOP CROP RESEARCH PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH SHOW PROMISE OF SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED PRODUCTION (E.G. RICE, OILSEEDS).

4. FURTHER DEVELOP RESEARCH AND OPERATING PROGRAMS TO CONTROL THE MAJOR INSECTS AND DISEASES THAT ATTACK AGRICULTURAL CROPS, BOTH IN THE FIELD AND IN STORAGE.

5. EXPAND THE AREA UNDER SOIL CONSERVATION PRACTICES.

6. IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES BY MEANS OF DRAINAGE, LAND LEVELING, TUBEWELLS, AND IRRIGATION PRACTICES.

7. DEVELOP TECHNIQUES FOR INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF DRY LAND FARMING. THIS INFORMATION WILL THEN BE EXTENDED TO FARMERS IN THOSE AREAS.

8. PURSUE A PROGRAM OF MULTIPLE CROPPING SO AS TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF RESOURCE USE.

9. CARRY FORWARD POLICIES THAT WILL ENCOURAGE FARMERS TO PRODUCE AT A MAXIMUM RATE - PRICE SUPPORTS, ON-FARM STORAGE FACILITIES, MARKETING ASSISTANCE, CREDIT."

--ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES FOR WHICH PROCEEDS ARE TO BE USED - UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT.

-- PART III - UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT.

-- AGREED MINUTES - UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR OTHER THAN DELETION OF "C. TRADE ARRANGEMENTS." THIS NO LONGER NECESSARY SINCE GOI ACCEPTS TOTAL EXPORT BILL ON WHEAT SPECIFIED IN PART II.

--NUMBERING OF OTHER SECTIONS WOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. AS NOTED IN ND 5840, GOI IS CONCERNED THAT IT CANNOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLETE IMPORTATION/UTILIZATION OF RICE DURING CURRENT FY AND THAT PART OF THIS MAY TAKE PLACE DURING THE INTERIM QUARTER. SINCE GOI UNWILLING TO ASSUME ADDITIONAL UMR FOR INTERIM QUARTER OF FY 77, WE HAVE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE INSERTED IN AGREED MINUTES: "SINCE INDIAN PURCHASES OF RICE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THE US BUDGET INTERIM QUARTER, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE UMR REQUIREMENT FOR RICE WOULD EXPIRE AT THE BEGINNING OF US FY 77, I.E., OCTOBER 1, 1976.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE LANGUAGE OF SELF-HELP MEASURES HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MOF WHICH IS SOLE GOI MINISTRY CONCERNED. UMR LANGUAGE HAS ALSO BEEN APPROVED BY MOF BUT NOT YET APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WOULD PREFER POSITION WHEREBY UMR BASED ON MOST RECENT THREE YEARS IMPORTS, I.E, ZERO. IF USG CAN ACCEPT THIS POSITION, PROBLEM DISAPPEARS. IN OUR VIEW, GOI WILL ACCEPT 100,000 TONS UMR IF ABOVE LANGUAGE (PARA 2) OR OTHER LANGUAGE WHICH HAS SAME SUBSTANCE CAN BE AGREED TO BY USG. DOES USG CONSIDER INTERIM FISCAL QUARTER AS A PART OF USG FY 76 OR AS A SEPARATE UNIT? IF IT IS PART USG FY 76, A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN THE AGREED MINUTES WOULD MEET GOI NEEDS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST APPROVAL OF ABOVE LANGUAGE ON SELF-HELP MEASURES AND UMR AGREED MINUTES FORMULATION. ALSO REQUEST AUTHORITY SIGN AGREEMENT. IF AUTHORITY GRANTED, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE EXACT TIMING FOR SIGNATURE SO AS TO PERMIT SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON. SAXBE

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